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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, TW

SUBJECT: INTERNAL POLITICS: CH'EN CHU

1. ASSOCIATES OF DR. KUO YU-HSIN HAVE INFORMED DEPT. THAT GARRISON COMMAND LAST WEEK SEARCHED HOME OF MISS CH'EN CHU AND SEIZED A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, AND THAT MISS CH'EN AS A RESULT HAS GONE INTO HIDING (OR, POSSIBLY BEEN ARRESTED). CH'EN FORMERLY WAS A SECRETARY TO KUO AND WAS ACTIVE IN HSU HSIN-LIANG'S CAMPAIGN IN TAOYUAN LAST NOVEMBER. SHE CONTRIBUTED ONE OF THE SECTIONS OF "LONG LIVE THE ELECTIONS" AND IS THE AUTHOR OF A RATHER INFLAMMATORY POEM WHICH APPEARED IN "DEMVOICE" NO.1 WHICH, AS THE EMBASSY REPORTED EARLIER, WAS CONFISCATED BY THE GARRISON COMMAND.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED DR. KUO AND HIS ASSOCIATES THAT THE USG CANNOT BECOME ASSOCIAED WITH ANY PARTICULAR POLITICAL TENDENCY OR GROUP IN THE ROC AND THEREFORE, IN THE ABSENCE OF A US CITIZEN CONNECTION (WHICH MIGHT MAKE IT A "WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS CASE"), WAS UNWILLING AT THIS TIME TO RAISE

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THE MATTER WITH THE GROC. NEVERTHELESS, THOUGH WE DID NOT SAY THIS, WE DO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR THE EMBASSY, WITHOUT CONTACTING THE GROC, TO TRY TO INFORM ITSELF AND DEPT. OF THE FACTS OF THE MATTER. WE BELIEVE

THE FRASER COMMITTEE HAS ALSO BEEN CONTACTED WITH REGARD TO MISS CH'EN, AND THAT IT PROBABLY WILL SOON REQUEST

INFORMATION OF THE DEPT.

3. CH'EN IS A TAIWANESE, ABOUT 28 YEARS OLD, AND A GRADUATE OF TANKANG COLLEGE. HER LAST KNOWN EMPLOYMENT WAS WITH THE HWA HSIN COMPANY, 44 CHANG AN EAST ROAD, SECTION 1, TAIPEI. TELEPHONE 562-3562. A CLOSE ASSOCIATE THERE WAS ONE LI MAO-CHUN. CH'EN ALSO IS SAID TO BE A CLOSE FRIEND OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLYMAN LIN YI-SHENG, 4, HSIN SHENG SOUTH RD, SECTION 1, TAIPEI.  
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